



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE  
CITY HALL - COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2022 AT 3:00 PM**

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## **AGENDA**

*The meeting will be held at City Hall Council Briefing Room, 300 W. Main St, Grand Prairie, Texas, and a quorum of the committee or presiding member will be physically present. Some members may participate remotely via video conference.*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

*Citizens may speak for five minutes on any item on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.*

1. Minutes of the November 7, 2022 Public Safety, Health, Environment Committee Meeting
2. 28<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Judicial Report
3. Air North Texas 2022 Award / 2022 Report to North Central Texas Council of Governments
4. Presentation regarding changes to Chapter 5, “Animal Services”, of the City of Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances, regarding public nuisance dogs and dangerous dogs
5. Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 “Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions” of the Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances to prohibit unlawful possession of catalytic converters and providing exceptions; providing a penalty clause, a savings clause and a severability clause; and providing an effective date upon passage

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*The Public Safety, Health, and Environment Committee may conduct a closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., to discuss any of the following:*

- (1) Section 551.071 “Consultation with Attorney”
- (2) Section 551.072 “Deliberation Regarding Real Property”
- (3) Section 551.074 “Personnel Matters”
- (4) Section 551.087 “Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.”

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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### *Certification*

*In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A, the Public Safety, Health, and Environment Committee agenda was prepared and posted December 2, 2022.*

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*Chiquita Taylor, Assistant City Secretary*



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
COMMUNICATION**

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**MEETING DATE:** 12/05/2022

**PRESENTER:** Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman

**TITLE:** Minutes of the November 7, 2022 Public Safety, Health, Environment  
Committee Meeting

**REVIEWING  
COMMITTEE:**

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**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE  
CITY HALL - COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 07, 2022 AT 3:00 PM**

## MINUTES

### PRESENT

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson  
Council Member Junior Ezeonu

### ABSENT

Council Member Jacquin Headen

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson call the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

### AGENDA ITEMS

*Citizens may speak for five minutes on any item on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.*

1. Minutes of the October 3, 2022 Public Safety, Health, Environment Committee Meeting

*No discussion on minutes. Approved as presented.*

*Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu to approve this item, Seconded by Council Member Clemson. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Ezeonu*

2. EMS Update of Subscription and Transport Policies

*Fire Chief Robert Fite briefed the committee on this item. He explained that Fire and the city have received complaints about the policy of transporting patients to the closest most appropriate hospital. City is split into zones for patient to go to certain hospitals depending on their zip code.*

*Council Member Ezeonu stated that many citizens understand the reasons for transport when it is explained. Chief Fite stated that each of the hospitals have a charity care or indigent care program and policy. Patients do not always need to go to Parkland Hospital in Dallas for charity care. Council Member Ezeonu also asked "What other ways do we have to get the information out to citizens along with Town Halls?" Chief Fite that this policy is usually explained to the patient or if they call for more information. Fire cannot transport based on insurance.*

*Chief Fite explained the changes in the subscription program. Fire took over this program in 2000. It was \$60/year as a member – insurance is charged but any out-of-pocket fee is waived. Federal government has gotten involved in 2021 and the rate was raised to \$100/yr. for the program to remain profitable. We would not allow any new enrollees but allow existing ones to renew until the program is dissolved. There needs to be an Ordinance change to only allow existing enrollees to continue but not allow any new enrollees. Deputy City Manager Cheryl DeLeon asked how many members are currently in the program. Chief Fite stated we have gone from 900 enrollees in 2019 to 590 in 2022. The program fee may need to be increased in order for the program to remain profitable.*

3. Police Department Community Service Programs

*Police Chief Daniel Scesney briefed the committee on Santa Cop as one of many Police programs. In 2021 the program serviced 500 families and 1700 kids. In 2022 we are at 600 families and 1600 kids and counting. Most participants are nominated by Police Officers, Fire Fighters or School Counselors.*

*The Shop with a Cop Program – with Harvest Life Ministries is reserved for children in DFPS.*

*Seizure money from drug busts are used to fund this program. The program served 60 foster children in 2021. This year they plan is to take 100 foster children shopping.*

*Council Member Clemson asked how are the participants identified? Chief Scesney states that Harvest Ministries helps with the program and identifying the participants.*

*Council Member Ezeonu asked if the Blue Shoes Program will be done again this year. Chief Scesney said, the department has done one this year and will try and do another one later in the year. The program is giving new shoes and socks to kids in the community.*

4. Change Order #3 for the purchase of new and replacement electronic ticket writer devices and printers from Tyler Technologies, through a national cooperative agreement with Sourcewell, in the amount of \$339,500

*Police Operations Support Bureau Assistant Director Ryan Simpson briefed the committee on this item. Through our agreement with Tyler Technologies, we would like to purchase 26 new devices and update 79 existing devices to equip all uniform positions with an electronic ticket writer.*

*Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu to approve this item, Seconded by Council Member Clemson. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Ezeonu*

5. Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 “Animal Services” of the Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances to authorize police officers to issue citations or otherwise enforce violations of Chapter

*Community Services Lieutenant Tim Silva briefed the committee on this item. the ordinance would give Police officers instead of just Animal Service the authority to write citations for violations to Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances. He stated that the majority of weekend calls for animal assistance come in directly to the Police department through dispatch. In order to do anything about them, we currently have to call Animal Services. The main*

*violations are stray dogs and people selling dogs or other animals on the side of the road or in parking lots. The issues are lack of veterinary care and over breeding of animals. This leads to future health issues with the animals and no recourse for the buyer. Many of these animals are eventually turned over to the Animal Services which is currently over capacity.*

*Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu to approve this item, Seconded by Council Member Clemson. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Ezeonu*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*No executive Session*

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*No Citizen Comments*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

3:46 p.m.

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*Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman*



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
COMMUNICATION**

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**MEETING DATE:** 12/05/2022  
**REQUESTER:** Olivia Tucker  
**PRESENTER:** Bryan S. Arnold, Presiding Judge  
**TITLE:** 28<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Judicial Report  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve

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**JUDICIAL ACTIVITY REPORT**

November 2021 - October 2022

	2021 NOV	2021 DEC	2022 JAN	2022 FEB	2022 MARCH	2022 APRIL	2022 MAY	2022 JUNE	2022 JULY	2022 AUG	2022 SEPT	2022 OCT	TOTAL
<b><u>New Cases Filed</u></b>													
Ticket Count	3338	2331	2411	2597	3879	3148	4026	3612	3717	3394	2830	2344	37627
<b><u>Arraignments</u></b>													
Misdemeanor	203	254	158	180	195	267	234	269	250	220	286	215	2731
Felony	179	189	169	170	262	195	205	238	262	240	243	198	2550
Class C	689	520	284	510	972	811	745	777	823	945	852	743	8671
<b><u>Counsel Requested</u></b>													
Misdemeanor	95	124	97	92	122	147	135	135	171	156	165	121	1560
Felony	117	125	112	104	169	156	134	148	167	168	152	128	1680
<b><u>Trial by Judge</u></b>													
Actual	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Scheduled	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<b><u>Trial by Jury</u></b>													
Actual	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	10
Scheduled	7	8	12	6	8	7	9	8	4	2	5	2	78
<b><u>Arrest Warrants Issued</u></b>													
Class C	2500	2812	2540	1195	2266	2282	2669	3068	2538	2734	2589	2418	29611
Misdemeanor	9	17	25	22	21	25	18	27	28	37	26	17	272
Felony	54	40	43	38	59	54	39	55	46	44	49	53	574
<b><u>Search Warrants Issued</u></b>													
Search	10	21	17	21	23	26	30	28	26	22	13	17	254
DWI Blood	26	31	11	13	24	17	31	27	25	19	27	24	275
Code Compliance	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	7
<b><u>Emergency Protective Orders</u></b>													
	16	16	23	16	29	22	23	31	19	26	26	24	271
<b><u>Magistrate's Order for Mental Health Assessment</u></b>													
	1	2	1	4	4	3	0	3	3	4	1	4	30
<b><u>Ignition Interlock</u></b>													
	4	2	3	2	5	1	5	2	6	4	9	6	49
<b><u>Child Bond Conditions</u></b>													
	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	4	2	2	16
<b><u>Hearings</u></b>													
Animal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property	9	7	0	0	11	4	1	5	0	4	9	2	52
Indigent	52	27	29	31	36	46	42	29	42	76	54	48	512
<b><u>No Probable Cause</u></b>													
	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
<b><u>Juvenile</u></b>													
Traffic Cases	26	28	28	28	60	45	33	34	40	21	46	27	416
Penal Cases (Alcohol, Theft, Curfew, etc.)	11	9	6	4	9	6	21	14	7	5	9	5	106





## CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE COMMUNICATION

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**MEETING DATE:** 12/05/2022

**PRESENTER:** Cindy Mendez, Public Health & Environmental Quality Director

**TITLE:** Air North Texas 2022 Award / 2022 Report to North Central Texas Council of Governments

**REVIEWING COMMITTEE:**

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### **SUMMARY:**

The City of Grand Prairie has been a partner of Air North Texas since April 2009. Air North Texas (ANT) is a regional partnership and public awareness campaign to improve air quality. Ten counties in North Texas, including Dallas, Tarrant, Ellis, and Johnson, has been classified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as moderate nonattainment for eight-hour ozone levels. Air North Texas efforts are part of the State Implementation Plan to attain compliance with federal air quality standards in our region.

On December 9, 2022, the City of Grand Prairie will be awarded “Partner of the Year” for the 9<sup>th</sup> time since joining ANT. The presentation will review the City’s 2022 report to North Central Texas Council of Governments.



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
COMMUNICATION**

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**MEETING DATE:** 12/05/2022

**PRESENTER:** Lily Yap, Animal Services Division Manager

**TITLE:** Presentation regarding changes to Chapter 5, “Animal Services”, of the City of Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances, regarding public nuisance dogs and dangerous dogs

**REVIEWING COMMITTEE:**

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**SUMMARY:**

Presentation detailing proposed changes to Chapter 5, “Animal Services”. Changes include miscellaneous updates to match current State statutes, dangerous dog definition, and public nuisance dog classification structure. These proposed changes will allow Animal Services greater flexibility to appropriately address issues related to dangerous dogs and public nuisance dogs.



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
ORDINANCE

MEETING DATE: 12/05/2022
PRESENTER: Ronnie Morris, Assistant Chief of Police
TITLE: Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions" of the Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances to prohibit unlawful possession of catalytic converters and providing exceptions; providing a penalty clause, a savings clause and a severability clause; and providing an effective date upon passage

REVIEWING COMMITTEE:

SUMMARY:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Rows include Annual Cost/Total Cost (None), Department (Grand Prairie Police Department), and Recommended Action (Approve).

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

To amend the Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances to make it illegal to possess a Catalytic Converter, (an automotive exhaust emission control device that reduces toxic gasses and pollutants from internal combustion), when not attached to a vehicle unless accompanied by the appropriate documented receipts, etc. The recent theft of Catalytic Converters has inconvenienced citizens through significant loss of time and money.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

None

BODY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS TO PROHIBIT THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS AND PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE, A SAVINGS CLAUSE

**AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON ITS PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, due to the precious metals of rhodium, palladium and platinum contained in catalytic converters, the National Insurance Crime Bureau has reported that claims for catalytic converter thefts rose nationally from 3,389 in 2019 to 14,433 in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Prairie has experienced a similar trend as there were a total of 212 reported catalytic converter thefts in 2020, and as of October 24, 2022, there have been 323 reported catalytic converter thefts; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 6, 2021, the City of Grand Prairie passed an ordinance establishing regulations applicable to the purchase and sale catalytic converters in Grand Prairie, but the ordinance only applies to purchase and sale transactions; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 1, 2021, House Bill 4110 was enacted by the Texas Legislature to establish similar regulations with respect to the purchase and sale of catalytic converters; and

**WHEREAS**, catalytic converter thefts have continued to rise despite the enactment of provisions regulating the purchase and sale of catalytic converters; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Prairie desires to further deter and address the theft of catalytic converters by adopting an ordinance prohibiting the possession of catalytic converters that have been cut from a vehicle, which is the common method for removing catalytic converters during a theft;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That Section 17-10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 17-10. Possession of Catalytic Converter Offense

- (a) For the purposes of this section, Catalytic Converter means an exhaust emission control device that reduces toxic gases and pollutants from internal combustion; this includes any material removed from a Catalytic Converter.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person or entity, other than a metal recycling entity, to possess a used Catalytic Converter that was cut, rather than unbolted, from a motor vehicle unless the individual or entity is:
  1. A vehicle repair facility, salvage yard, or employee thereof who lawfully possesses a Catalytic Converter during the ordinary course of business as evidenced by an invoice or document reflecting the name, address, and phone number of the business and the year, make, model and vehicle identification number of the vehicle the Catalytic Converter was removed from;
  2. Lawfully transporting the Catalytic Converter on behalf of a metal recycling entity, salvage yard, or vehicle repair facility and has, in their possession, an invoice or other document from the metal recycling entity, salvage yard, or vehicle repair facility authorizing the person or entity to transport the Catalytic Converters and reflecting:

- a. The number of catalytic converters being transported,
  - b. The name, address, and phone number for the entity they are transporting on behalf of,
  - c. The name, address, and phone number of the entity who will be receiving the Catalytic Converters, and
  - d. The physical address where the Catalytic Converters will be delivered”
3. The owner of the vehicle the Catalytic Converter was removed from and provides the year, make, model and vehicle identification number for the vehicle from which the Catalytic Converter was removed, a copy of the certificate of title or other documentation indicating that the person or entity has an ownership interest in such vehicle and proof that the Catalytic Converter was removed from such vehicle; or
  4. A person or entity which lawfully obtained possession of the Catalytic Converter from the owner of the vehicle from which the Catalytic Converter was removed and provides verifiable documentation which includes the name, phone number, and address of the owner of the vehicle from which the Catalytic Converter was removed and authorization for the person to possess the Catalytic Converter.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to cause, aid, or conceal a violation of subsection (b).
- (d) Each violation of this section is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00. Each Catalytic Converter in an individual or entity's possession shall constitute a separate offense.

**SECTION 2.** That a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable in accordance with Section 1-8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas.

**SECTION 3.** That Chapter 17, “Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions”, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, as amended, shall be and remain in full force and effect save and except as amended by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** That the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are severable and are governed by Section 1-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas.

**SECTION 5.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances not consistent or conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. Provided that such repeal shall be only to the extent of such inconsistency and in all other respects this Ordinance shall be cumulative of other ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** That this Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and publication.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS ON THIS THE 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.**